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 Re: FY2016 Brownfields Assessment Grant Proposal
\$300,000 U.S. EPA Hazardous Substances and Petroleum Assessment
Grant
City of Wyoming, Michigan

Dear Mr. Didier:


The City of Wyoming (City) is submitting the enclosed application for two USEPA Brownfields Assessment Grants – \$200,000 for Hazardous Substances and \$100,000 for Petroleum. This is the City's fourth attempt to secure grant funds (previous applications were submitted in 2010, 2011 and 2012) for its Brownfields Program, which was first funded with a \$200,000 USEPA Hazardous Substances Assessment Grant in FY2008. The City was successful using its previous Assessment Grant to stimulate brownfields redevelopment, however those funds are depleted. Four of the City's large brownfield sites (e.g., former Gill Industries and HagerWood Preserving parcels) were purchased and redeveloped by companies who relied on the environmental assessment activities funded by the City's FY2008 Assessment Grant. The City's project outcomes to date include the assessment of nearly 100 acres of brownfields, the creation of 50 jobs in the City, and over \$1.4 million in leveraged private redevelopment investment, all resulting from the use of its FY2008 Assessment Grant funds.

Despite this success, the City is faced with persistent, high unemployment and poverty rates since applying for its initial Assessment Grant in 2007. The General Motors Corporation, formerly the City's largest employer, closed its local stamping plant in 2009, which resulted in the loss of nearly 9,000 local jobs (1,500 factory positions and 7,500 supplier jobs), and significant tax base losses. The City needs additional Assessment Grant funds to help sustain the momentum of its brownfields redevelopment program and outpace the continued loss of traditional industrial jobs. The City will use the Community Plan, Wyoming Land Use Plan 2020, and the highly anticipated 28 West Development Project, which can be viewed on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_05RTkPt8s, as the frame work for the Assessment Grant Project. The City plans to use Assessment Grant funds to evaluate the nature and extent of contamination at its seven Priority Brownfield sites, and to conduct cleanup planning that supports redevelopment activities which will ultimately reduce the disproportionate impact of these brownfields on nearby residents.

The following applicant information is provided as specified in the Grant Guidelines:

- a. **Applicant Identification:** City of Wyoming, 1155 28th Street SW, Wyoming, Michigan 49509-0905; Phone: (616) 530-7244.
- b. **Applicant DUNS number:** 07928-3982
- c. **Funding Requested:**
 - i. Grant type: Assessment
 - ii. Amount: \$200,000 (Hazardous Substances) and \$100,000 (Petroleum)
 - iii. Contamination: Hazardous Substances and Petroleum
 - iv. Community-wide
- d. **Location:** City of Wyoming, Kent County, Michigan
- e. *Not a site-specific proposal*
- f. **Contacts:**
 - i. The Project Director for this project is Ms. Heidi Isakson, Deputy City Manager, who can be contacted at 1155 28th Street SW, Wyoming, Michigan 49509-0905; Phone: (616) 530-7244; E-mail: isaksonh@wyomingmi.gov
 - ii. The highest ranking elected official in the City of Wyoming is Mayor Jack Poll, who can be contacted at 1155 28th Street SW, Wyoming, Michigan 49509-0905; Phone: (616) 530-7226; E-mail: jpoll@wyomingmi.gov
- g. **Date Submitted:** December 17, 2015
- h. **Project Period:** Three years
- i. **Population:** 72,125 (2010 U.S. Census)
- j. **Regional Priorities Form/Other Factors Checklist:** Attached

Very truly yours,


Sam Bolt, Mayor Pro Tem
City of Wyoming

Distribution: Ms. Deborah Orr, EPA Region 5 (1 pc)

Appendix 3 Regional Priorities Form/Other Factors Checklist

Name of Applicant: The City of Wyoming, Michigan

Regional Priorities Other Factor

If your proposed Brownfields Assessment project will advance the regional priority(ies) identified in Section I.E, please indicate the regional priority(ies) and the page number(s) for where the information can be found within your 15-page narrative. Only address the priority(ies) for the region in which your project is located. EPA will verify these disclosures prior to selection and may consider this information during the selection process. If this information is not clearly discussed in your narrative proposal, it will not be considered during the selection process.

Regional Priority Title(s):

Coordinated Public Funding for Brownfields

Page Number(s): Please refer to pages 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 11

Assessment Other Factors Checklist

Please identify (with an **X**) which, if any of the below items apply to your community or your project as described in your proposal. To be considered for an Other Factor, you must include the page number where each applicable factor is discussed in your proposal. EPA will verify these disclosures prior to selection and may consider this information during the selection process. If this information is not clearly discussed in your narrative proposal or in any other attachments, it will not be considered during the selection process.

Other Factor	Page #
<i>None of the Other Factors are applicable.</i>	
Community population is 10,000 or less.	
Applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian tribe or United States territory.	
Targeted brownfield sites are impacted by mine-scarred land.	
Project is primarily focusing on Phase II assessments.	Page 7
Applicant demonstrates firm leveraging commitments for facilitating brownfield project completion by identifying amounts and contributors of funding in the proposal and have included documentation.	Page 8 & Attach. 4
Recent (2008 or later) significant economic disruption has occurred within community, resulting in a significant percentage loss of community jobs and tax base.	Pages 1 and 4

Applicant is one of the 24 recipients, or a core partner/implementation strategy party, of a “manufacturing community” designation provided by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) under the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP). To be considered, applicants must clearly demonstrate in the proposal the nexus between their IMCP designation and the Brownfield activities. Additionally, applicants must attach documentation which demonstrate either designation as one of the 24 recipients, or relevant pages from a recipient’s IMCP proposal which lists/describes the core partners and implementation strategy parties.	
Applicant is a recipient or a core partner of HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities (PSC) grant funding or technical assistance that is directly tied to the proposed Brownfields project, and can demonstrate that funding from a PSC grant/technical assistance has or will benefit the project area. Examples of PSC grant or technical assistance include a HUD Regional Planning or Challenge grant, DOT Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER), or EPA Smart Growth Implementation or Building Blocks Assistance, etc. To be considered, applicant must attach documentation.	
Applicant is a recipient of an EPA Brownfields Area-Wide Planning grant.	

**FY2016 USEPA BROWNFIELDS HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND PETROLEUM
ASSESSMENT GRANT APPLICATION
CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN**

1. Community Need

a. Targeted Community and Brownfields:

(i) Targeted Community Description:

The City of Wyoming, Michigan (the City), was incorporated in 1959 and encompasses an area of 24.5 square miles (15,680 acres) within Kent County. Wyoming is Michigan's 14th largest city and has the state's third largest tax base, due to the abundance of commercial and industrial businesses. Settlers first established residency in the area that would become the City in 1832. The City's story includes early development along a river (the Grand River), and follows the rise of the automobile industry through the 1900s, with numerous manufacturers establishing corporate offices or strategic plant locations in the City. Neighborhoods evolved around these industrial facilities and the City prospered until the 1980s, when manufacturing sectors began declining. Further downsizing in the manufacturing sector and the near failure of American automakers in 2008 and 2009 decimated the remaining industrial employers in the City, leaving the City with acres of brownfields. The General Motors Corporation, formerly the City's largest employer, closed its local stamping plant in 2009, which resulted in the loss of nearly 9,000 local jobs (1,500 factory positions and 7,500 supplier jobs). Many of these unemployed residents now live in neighborhoods occupied by brownfields, which has resulted in an **environmental justice** issue due to uncontrolled pollution emanating from these sites. The City has an active brownfields program, but has struggled to sustain the level of redevelopment needed to address brownfield-related concerns in the most disadvantaged neighborhoods. The City enjoyed a period of progress and success after receiving an Assessment Grant nearly 10 years ago, but more funding is needed to catalyze redevelopment efforts in the City's target communities. The City is applying for this Assessment Grant to conduct assessment activities in the City's targeted communities to continue to address the disproportionate effects these brownfields have on the health, welfare, economic, and environmental well-being of residents. The City has identified four target neighborhoods: the northwest; northeast; east and central neighborhoods.

(ii) Demographic Information: As shown in the table below, the targeted communities have substantially higher numbers of low-income, sensitive populations (minorities and children) than the rest of the City. The poverty rate in the target communities is nearly double the state and national rate, and a significant income disparity is obvious when comparing the median household incomes of these communities to national median household income. The inequitable economic effects of brownfields on the City and its targeted communities are discussed in Section 1(c)(ii).

	Wyoming	Kent County	Michigan	National
Population ¹	72,125	602,622	9,883,640	308,745,538
Unemployment ²	8.1%	7.0%	7.8%	6.2%
Poverty Rate ²	16.7%	15.5%	16.8%	15.4%
Percent Minority ¹	17.3%	17.6%	20.7%	26.0%
Median Household Income ²	\$45,477	\$51,667	\$48,411	\$53,046
African American ²	7.2%	9.6%	14.0%	12.6%
Hispanic ²	19.4%	9.8%	4.5%	16.6%
Children ²	27.1%	25.9%	23.3%	23.7%

	Target Neighborhoods			
	Northwest	Northeast	East	Central
Population ³	6,783	4,969	3,703	6,703
Poverty Rate ³	23.1%	30.4%	15.8%	12.8%
Percent Minority ³	51%	61.7%	43.4%	32.6%
Median Household Income ³	\$33,707	\$36,422	\$40,145	\$46,531
African American ³	14.2%	11.3%	9.3%	6.4%
Hispanic ³	29%	34.1%	23.9%	16.4%
Children ³	34.3%	36.1%	26.8%	34.2%

¹ Data is from the 2010 U.S. Census data and is available at <http://www.census.gov>; ² Data from the American Community Survey 2009-2013 5-Year Estimates and is available at factfinder.census.gov; ³ Data from ESRI 2015 Estimates.

(iii) Description of Brownfields: The City's main concern is the presence of brownfields concentrated in the northwest, northeast, east and central neighborhoods. According to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) records and a city-wide reconnaissance, over 550 brownfields are present in the City. Soil, soil gas, and/or groundwater impact is confirmed or suspected at many of these brownfields. Due to the dilapidated, deteriorated, and unsecured condition of buildings in these sites, it is possible for residents (especially children) to access these unsafe structures. Once inside, they may be exposed to asbestos fibers (known to cause, mesothelioma and asbestosis) and deteriorated lead-based paints/lead-laden dust (known to cause neurological damage in children). Since many of the buildings were historically used to support chemical and other industrial operations that involved hazardous substance use, there is a potential that residents entering them might be exposed to additional contaminants. In addition to the real environmental concerns on these sites, the perception of many residents and community businesses is sites in these areas of the City cannot be safely redeveloped; therefore, brownfield sites in these communities, many with ideal, economically viable locations, sit unused, falling into disarray and decay. The following summary of sites located in the targeted communities illustrate typical past uses, contaminants, current conditions, and health threats posed by brownfields.

Target Neighborhood	Current Conditions	Contaminants	Health Effects
Northwest Neighborhood Priority Sites: Former Spartan Chemical and Former Classic Chevrolet (former chemical manufacturing, automobile repair and maintenance)	Vacant buildings and unsecured/ vacant land*	Perchloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene (TCE), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)	Cancer, liver and kidney damage, skin, reproductive problems, respiratory problems, nervous system damage, and lymphatic system damage
Exposure Routes: Direct contact, inhalation, airborne particulates, vapor intrusion (VI) Sensitive Receptors: Poor neighborhood with high poverty rate and minority population; Parkview School, Taft School, Gladiola School, Lamar Park, Battjes Park, Prairie Park, Luvis Lake			
Northeast Neighborhood Priority Sites: Former BASF Corporation, Former Rochester Products (chemical manufacturing, metal working, metal machining)	Vacant buildings and unsecured/ vacant land*	VOCs, PAHs, TCE, Vinyl chloride (VC)	Cancer, liver, kidney, skin, reproductive problems, respiratory disease, nervous system, and lymphatic, damage
Exposure Routes: Direct contact, inhalation, airborne particulates, VI Sensitive Receptors: Impoverished neighborhood with high poverty rate and high population of children; Godfrey, Pinery Park, and Godwin Heights North Schools, Marquette, Pinery, and Hillcroft Parks; Plaster Creek.			
East Neighborhood Priority Sites: Former Approved Industrial (metal and plastics manufacturing plants)	Vacant buildings and unsecured/ vacant land*	Benzene, cyanide, PCE, TCE, VC	Cancer, nerve damage, headaches, poor coordination, respiratory problems, liver/kidney damage
Exposure Routes: Direct contact, inhalation, airborne particulates, VI Sensitive Receptors: Low-income neighborhood; Godwin Heights South and Middle Schools; Southlawn Park			
Central Neighborhood Priority Sites: Former Conical Tool (tool and die operations)	Vacant buildings and unsecured/ vacant land*	PCE, TCE	Respiratory disease, neurological and liver/kidney damage, cancer, reproductive problems
Exposure Routes: Direct contact, inhalation, airborne particulates, VI Sensitive Receptors: Low-income neighborhood with elevated number of children and minority residents; Kelloggsville Elementary School; Lions Park			

*Vacant properties may attract children, vagrants, and illegal activity.

(iv) Cumulative Environmental Issues: The City's neighborhoods developed around the industrial job centers that supported the City's growth for several decades. The City is bordered by three, high-traffic highways and a regional airport and there are 10 MDEQ-identified point source air emissions sources located in the City. These sources have contributed to local air pollution and aesthetic (odor and visibility) concerns. The County was a non-attainment area for ozone air pollution from 1978-1995, (<http://www.epa.gov/oaqps001/greenbk/>), proving that industrial and roadway emissions negatively impacted air quality for a long period of time. Now that many of the plants in Wyoming are closed and have become brownfields, emissions may be lower but residents living near these sources have already been exposed to numerous airborne contaminants and continue to be exposed to residual contaminants via airborne particulate inhalation and vapor intrusion pathways. In addition, the housing stock in the target areas is old (Approximately 71% of the houses were constructed before 1978) meaning that most children in these areas are continuing to be exposed to lead-based paint. As discussed in Section 1.b., the health impacts from environmental pollutants are greater for the low income and minority populations in the City's targeted communities, who are more likely to live near current and former industrial operations, illustrating the disproportionate cumulative impact of industrial operations and their subsequent brownfields and the resultant environmental justice disparities. In fact, the U.S. EPA's Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool (EJSCREEN) rates most of the city as worse than 79-98% of the country with respect to proximity to water dischargers and Superfund sites. These EJSCREEN ratings are much worse for the targeted areas within the City.

b. Impacts on Targeted Community: Brownfields located close to residences, schools, and parks are negatively impacting the entire City and especially sensitive populations (impoverished and minority residents and children – see demographic table) by potentially exposing them to contaminants via direct contact, ingestion, airborne particulate inhalation, and vapor intrusion pathways. The contaminants found on typical brownfields are known to cause asthma, cancer, and impair fetal development. These brownfields exposures, in addition to the cumulative environmental issues, have disproportionately impacted City residents. Residents in the City have higher adult asthma prevalence and cancer death rates than the County, Michigan, and the U.S. (see following table). A strong correlation exists between race, socioeconomic status, and asthma. African Americans are over four times more likely to be hospitalized for asthma than Caucasians, as are children from impoverished areas versus those in high-income areas (*Michigan Department of Community Health, Disparities in Michigan's Asthma Burden, 2012*). Elevated blood-lead levels in children have also been noted in the City. The Michigan Department of Community Health has indicated that Wyoming is one of 12 high risk areas for childhood lead poisoning in Kent County. Children in the targeted communities are more likely to be exposed to lead particulates from old metal manufacturing sites and aging residential structures.

Location	Adult Asthma Prevalence	Cancer Mortality Rate ³
U.S.	8.8% ¹	166.5
Michigan	9.3% ¹	170.7
Kent County	8.3% ²	156.5
Wyoming	13.1% ²	175.4

¹ American Lung Association, *Trends in Asthma Morbidity and Mortality, 2012*; ² Michigan Department of Community Health, *Epidemiology of Asthma in Michigan, 2009*; ³ Michigan Department of Community Health, *Michigan Death Certificate Registry, 2011 (age adjusted, per 100,000 population)*.

Residual air pollutants from the brownfields within the City's sensitive neighborhoods are likely contributing to the elevated asthma and cancer rates of minority residents, and negatively impacting the health of expecting mothers. Direct contact or ingestion of contaminated soil particulates and inhalation of organic vapors in these areas is also likely contributing to elevated cancer rates within the City. Storm water runoff, contaminated by brownfield contaminants, is migrating into Plaster Creek and ultimately the Grand River, impacting aquatic species, and diminishing the recreational potential of these prominent water bodies.

c. Financial Need:

(i) Economic Conditions: Faced with increasing overseas competition, cheaper out-of-state labor, and the recent economic recession, nearly 200 companies in the City have closed their plants over the past decade.

The endless downward spiral of the manufacturing industry has resulted not only in huge job losses in the City but also the creation of large brownfields in and around residential areas. Smaller support operations have also failed, creating small brownfields scattered throughout the City's commercial districts. The most catastrophic example of this phenomenon is the closing of the former General Motors (GM) stamping plant 2009, which resulted in the loss of 1,500 local jobs, an estimated 7,500 related supporting jobs (e.g., parts suppliers, cleaning services, restaurants, etc.), and the loss of \$1 million in annual property taxes available to the City. The result of this long term economic decline and the 2008 recession has been a wave of disinvestment throughout the City. The City successfully used an Assessment Grant in 2008 through 2011; however, to outpace continued job losses, increased poverty, and dwindling revenue sources, the City needs new Assessment Grant funds to sustain the momentum of its brownfields redevelopment program.

(ii) Economic Effects of Brownfields: Due to the increasing number of brownfield sites and the associated loss of jobs and property and income tax revenue, Wyoming's demographics have shifted toward lower income, higher minority populations, resulting in depressed communities. As shown in Section 1(a)(ii), the poverty rate in the most depressed area of the City is over 30%, which is higher than Michigan's (16.8%) and nearly twice the nation's (15.4%). The income disparity, expressed as median household income, in the Northeast and Northwest neighborhoods is approaching half the national average (\$53,046/year), with the median household incomes as low as \$33,707/year in the Northwest neighborhood. The targeted communities have high concentrations of vulnerable populations. The percentages of minorities and children are as high as 61.7% and 36.1%, respectively, in the City's Northeast neighborhood. The presence of priority brownfield sites, and other vacant brownfields throughout these neighborhoods, exacerbates the problem by decreasing property values and inhibiting the growth of the residents' assets, resulting in less investment by residents and businesses. These impoverished residents, who cannot afford to move away from brownfields due to the absence of jobs and significant and persistent decreases in property values, are struggling to earn enough money to simply pay their bills, ultimately depending more and more on public services (i.e. public assistance, unemployment benefits, medical programs, etc.), which the City and state are struggling to provide. As the economic problems trickle upward from City residents and businesses, City government is collecting less money and facing ever-tightening budgets under which they must operate. Residents and businesses have less money to invest in the community, triggering a cycle of additional layoffs and decreased investment in the community. As the number of brownfields increases, local property values are suppressed and the property tax base from which the City can draw revenue decreases. Similarly, as unemployment increases and/or higher paying manufacturing jobs are replaced by lower paying service jobs, local income tax revenues also decrease. Revenue shortfalls at the state level have produced budgetary deficits, resulting in cuts to revenue sharing programs for the City. According to the City Treasurer, the State of Michigan has decreased the City's share of revenue by nearly \$30,000,000 since 2003, while the City's operating expenses continue to steadily increase and local taxes decrease. The City is currently burdened with a budget deficit of nearly \$500,000, which is expected to increase to \$1.5 million by 2020. Compounding the problem, the City must secure unsafe buildings and maintain municipal services for areas where there are fewer residents and the tax base is not sufficient to support the area served. Until the brownfields present in the City are redeveloped with viable businesses and housing and put back on the tax rolls, there will be no significant increase in the City's tax base, and its fiscal conditions will not improve.

2. Project Description and Feasibility of Success

a(i) Project Description: The target areas for the Project includes four priority neighborhoods: Northwest, Northeast, East, and central. The City has undertaken significant planning efforts involving community residents, stakeholders meetings (business owners, residents, DDA, etc.) and community partnerships. The two plans described below provide the framework for the Assessment Grant Project:

Wyoming Land Use Plan 2020: The *Wyoming Land Use Plan 2020* includes the community development goals presented in the table below, and will directly impact each of the target neighborhoods. One example of this plan in action is the Jackson Park Revitalization project, **a project that coordinates both public and private funding** (a voter-approved millage and philanthropic gifts), and will restore a working wetland in an area that once held a seasonal lake in the era before residential and commercial development in the Central Neighborhood. This wetland will collect storm water runoff from brownfields in the adjoining containing neighborhoods, mitigate flooding, and clean and discharge the water at a controlled rate. The project will also

provide accessible recreation and natural environment education facilities to low-income residents. Redevelopment of brownfields surrounding this area will contribute to the mission of addressing **environmental justice** issues in this disadvantaged community.

Community Goal	Assessment Grant Activities & Outcomes
Quality Neighborhoods and Affordable Housing Choices	Assess priority brownfields to evaluate nature/extent of impact and assist in cleanup planning to reduce contamination, improve residents' health and welfare, increase property values, and create new affordable housing options (e.g., petroleum grant funds will be used to perform environmental activities at the former Classic Chevrolet site, which is proposed for redevelopment as a mixed-use complex that includes affordable housing units in the City's disadvantaged northwest neighborhood).
Strong Commercial Areas	Perform assessments and cleanup planning to support acquisition and redevelopment of priority brownfields within the City's older commercial corridors (bordering disadvantaged neighborhoods), which will improve local economic conditions (e.g., hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct environmental activities at the former Rochester Products site, which is targeted for redevelopment as a furniture distribution center; this project will increase commercial activity in the City's disadvantaged northeast neighborhood).
Modern Employment Opportunities	Complete assessments on behalf of companies interested in acquiring priority brownfields for reuse as modern manufacturing and "clean" technology facilities. (e.g., hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct environmental activities at the former Spartan Chemical site, which is identified for redevelopment as an advanced battery manufacturing facility; this project is expected to result in the creation of up to 300 jobs in the City's disadvantaged northwest neighborhood).
Improved Transportation System	Conduct assessments and cleanup planning at priority brownfields located in areas designated for improved mass transit projects such as the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system (e.g., hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct environmental activities at the former Conical Tool site, which is targeted for redevelopment as a retail complex serving the BRT system in the City's disadvantaged central neighborhood; this project will provide several amenities, such as coffee shops, newsstands, and boutique stores, to business commuters and reduce their reliance on personal vehicles).
Creation and Preservation of Natural Spaces	Evaluate priority brownfields targeted for redevelopment as parks and greenspace by conducting environmental assessments that assist with cleanup planning to ensure the safety of residents during future use of these sites (e.g., petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct environmental activities at the former BASF site, which is proposed for redevelopment as a public park and community garden in the City's disadvantaged northeast neighborhood).

The 28 West Development Project: The 28 West Development Project will fundamentally reconfigure the City's downtown, and provide employment and social benefits to the adjoining Northwest, Northeast and Central neighborhoods. This development project targets will transform a 315-acre commercial/retail area with multiple vacant or deteriorating buildings into a sustainable, walkable, mixed-use town center. **Coordination of CDBG, Michigan Economic Development Corporation grants and Michigan Department of Transportation funds** is anticipated for this project to fund demolition of vacant buildings, incentivize developers, and reconfigure roads. Three of the four identified target neighborhoods border this exciting, publicly supported project, and will benefit from job opportunities, public transportation and increased property values.

The City's Project involves the use of Assessment Grant funds to conduct environmental assessments and cleanup planning that lead to redevelopment in the priority neighborhoods. The City's project is designed to mitigate the continued deterioration of property values in key development areas, promote the economic growth, and prioritize business recruitment/retention, improved business climate and enhancement of the visual aspects of the development areas as priorities. The City has identified high-potential brownfield redevelopment sites within the City's most disproportionately impacted neighborhoods (see Section 4.a(i)). The proposed new uses of these brownfields will result in improved health and welfare of residents, including a reduction of exposures to contaminants, cleaner/safer neighborhoods, and new job opportunities. Redevelopment of these brownfields will also improve the financial health of the City by increasing the property values of these sites.

Brownfields in the targeted neighborhoods (Section 1(a)(iii)) have been selected, and additional proposed projects will be considered for support based on the extent to which they may help the community achieve its goals identified in the plans, and that improve the health and welfare of residents and provide economic opportunities for unemployed residents living in the targeted communities.

After a site is deemed eligible by the EPA and/or the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), the community will be notified and the site will be assessed through performance of a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) and/or a Phase II ESA. Phase I ESAs will be conducted according to the requirements of All Appropriate Inquiry. The Phase II ESAs will be designed to investigate the areas of potential contamination identified by the Phase I ESAs. A Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) and Health and Safety Plan (HASP) will be submitted to the EPA for review prior to conducting Phase II activities. The typical assessment goals will be to evaluate nature and extent of contamination, environmental liability, safe use, potential off-site health effects, and redevelopment issues associated with on-site contamination.

The environmental analysis data will be used to devise liability management, cleanup, and site reuse strategies that support redevelopment efforts and improve the health of residents and the environment. **The City will utilize local leveraged resources (see Section 2.c.) and will coordinate additional state and federal resources to support redevelopment activities.** By completing this Project, the City will increase the effectiveness and success of its brownfields program and provide incentives for businesses and residents to invest in the community and achieve the goals of its plans. The projected redevelopment strategy for the identified priority sites in the targeted communities is detailed in Section 4(c).

a(ii) Project Timing: The City's Economic Development Office (EDO), which also serves as staff to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA), and qualified environmental consultants will draw upon previous experience and expertise facilitating and managing redevelopment projects to lead a successful, community-oriented Assessment Grant Project. We anticipate the Project will be completed within 24 months of the date on which funds become available. The EDO will be responsible for the day-to-day grant operations including coordinating access and assessment activities with involved parties; and programmatic requirements, including updates to the Assessment, Cleanup and Redevelopment Exchange System (ACRES) database and required quarterly reporting. The City's Finance Department will manage and track all Project financial transactions and generate required financial reports.

The City will advance the Project in an expeditious manner. Immediately following the Assessment Grant award announcement, the City and BRA will host a Project kick-off meeting to inform, solicit, and process input from the general public and the identified community partners regarding the Project objectives. The EDO will also undertake community outreach efforts including announcing the Project at public meetings and preparing a bi-lingual (Spanish/English) informational piece explaining the Project, the goals, and information on how to receive additional information or be considered for a sub-grant. The City and EDO will prepare a Work Plan within one month of receiving notification of the Assessment Grant award. After the Work Plan is approved by EPA, the City will retain a qualified environmental consultant in compliance with applicable federal procurement regulations. The qualified environmental consultant will be retained by the City to assist with grant management operations, perform the assessment work, and provide the EDO with the information necessary to complete required reporting.

Priority neighborhoods, and high-opportunity brownfield sites within them, have already been identified (Section 1.a(iii)); therefore, assessments will begin once the selected environmental consultants receive EPA approval of their respective Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs) and community outreach has been initiated. The Project team will meet monthly to ensure individual projects are progressing, the overall Project schedule benchmarks are being met, and the grant Project is completed in a timely manner, consistent with redevelopment plans.

a(iii) Site Selection: The priority sites within the targeted communities (Section 1.a(iii)) were selected based on their location and because redevelopment of these brownfields will support the projects described in the City's *Wyoming Land Use Plan 2020* and [28 West Development Project](#) plan (Section 2.a(i)). Additional sites identified by the City and/or our partners listed in Section 3(c) will be prioritized for assessment based on the following factors: 1) sites where available information suggests an imminent threat to public welfare or the environment exists, 2) high-opportunity brownfields that will help the City achieve its established goals and

objectives as described in its plans, and 3) brownfields that are identified as high community priorities due to job creation potential or other economic or community improvement factors.

Site access will be obtained as follows: 1) For property transfers, a site access agreement will be included with the purchase agreement between the current and prospective owners, 2) For tax foreclosures, the City will work with Kent County to obtain site access, 3) For lender foreclosures, the City will obtain an access agreement from the lender, and 4) For sites that present an imminent threat to public welfare or the environment, the City will use its public safety authority, or work with MDEQ to obtain site access.

b. Task Description and Budget Table:

b(i) Task Description: The following four tasks will be required to implement the Assessment Grant project. Please note that approximately 97% of the Assessment Grant budget will go directly to community outreach, site assessment, and cleanup planning.

Task 1 - Programmatic Costs: The City anticipates **\$9,500** (\$7,000 for the hazardous grant and \$2,500 for the petroleum grant) for programmatic expenses. These costs include programmatic activities associated with coordinating and conducting operational meetings; site selection; community outreach; reporting to EPA; updating ACRES; and other activities associated with grant assessment functions. Personnel programmatic costs (\$6,000 for hazardous and \$2,000 for petroleum) are based on 200 hours for these activities at \$40/hour over the grant period. In addition to the personnel costs, travel costs of \$1,000 in the hazardous grant and \$500 in the petroleum grant has been included for the City's Project Manager to travel to and participate in the next National Brownfields Conference. Outputs include updated websites and brownfields files, continuing staff training, and improved brownfields knowledge.

Task 2 - Community Outreach: The City anticipates community outreach costs of **\$3,100**. These costs include contractual costs of \$1,500 (\$1,000 for hazardous and \$500 for petroleum) for coordinating and conducting community involvement and outreach programs and up to 10 meetings, and \$1,500 (\$1,000 hazardous and \$500 petroleum) to create and distribute site information and marketing information (e.g. pamphlets, documents, etc.). This will include coordination with the Hispanic Center of West Michigan to provide translation services. The City will provide in-kind staff resources and conduct outreach meetings, draft press releases, and update the City's website and social media outlets on a regular basis, to ensure the public remains informed, involved, and engaged. Outputs include at least 10 public meetings and development of marketing documents that can be used to promote area brownfields.

Task 3 - Site Assessments: The City anticipates site assessment costs of **\$274,500**. Sites will be evaluated through performance of Phase I and/or Phase II ESAs (conducted in accordance with All Appropriate Inquiry (ASTM Standard E1527-13) and other ASTM standards/practices). Based on past experience, the City anticipates Phase I ESA costs will range from \$2,000 to \$4,000 and Phase II ESA costs will range from \$20,000 to \$60,000. The budget includes contractual costs of \$274,500 based on conducting 9 Phase I ESAs at a cost of \$2,500 each (\$22,500 total), and 9 Phase II ESAs at a cost of \$28,000 each (\$252,000 total). These are averaged costs used for budgeting; actual costs may vary. Outputs include updated brownfields inventory and brownfields marketing. Outputs include an anticipated nine completed assessments.

Task 4 - Cleanup Planning: We estimate approximately **\$13,000** (\$8,000 for the hazardous grant and \$5,000 for the petroleum grant) for cleanup planning. The City will conduct cleanup and redevelopment planning, as needed, particularly where such activities will facilitate brownfields redevelopment. The cleanup and redevelopment activities may include preparing assessment of brownfield cleanup and redevelopment alternatives (ABCA), voluntary cleanup program (VCP) Due Care Plans, remedial action plans, evaluation of institutional and engineering controls, and preparation of Brownfield Work Plans to support acquisition of tax increment financing (TIF) under the Michigan Brownfield Redevelopment Act (Act 381 of 1996, as amended). The City anticipates completing cleanup planning on two hazardous sites and one petroleum site, at an average cost of \$4,000 to \$5,000 per site. Outputs include at least three cleanup planning documents.

b.(ii) Budget Table:

Budget Categories	Project Tasks				
<u>Hazardous Substances</u> (programmatic costs only)	Task 1 Programmatic Expenses	Task 2 Community Outreach	Task 3 Site Assessments	Task 4 Cleanup Planning	Total Grant Budget
Personnel	\$6,000				\$6,000
Travel	\$1,000				\$1,000
Supplies		\$1,000			\$1,000
Contractual		\$1,000	\$183,000	\$8,000	\$192,000
Subtotal	\$7,000	\$2,000	\$183,000	\$8,000	\$200,000
Budget Categories	Project Tasks				
<u>Petroleum</u> (programmatic costs only)	Task 1 Programmatic Expenses	Task 2 Community Outreach	Task 3 Site Assessments	Task 4 Cleanup Planning	Total Grant Budget
Personnel	\$2,000				\$2,000
Travel	\$500				\$500
Supplies		\$500			\$500
Contractual		\$500	\$91,500	\$5,000	\$97,000
Subtotal	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$91,500	\$5,000	\$100,000
TOTAL GRANT BUDGET	\$9,500	\$3,000	\$274,500	\$13,000	\$300,000

c) Ability to Leverage: The City has experience leveraging Assessment Grant funds (e.g., nearly \$1.5 million of private investment leveraged from use of the FY2008 grant), and understands how to utilize other financial incentives to support brownfields redevelopment. The City will use the leveraged funding/resources described below to support programmatic management and community involvement, supplement environmental assessment activities, and cover costs associated with remediation, demolition, site preparation and infrastructure improvements.

- ***In-Kind Local Government Services.*** The City will provide up to 500 hours of staff time to support programmatic and required financial functions associated with the Assessment Grant Project. The value of these in-kind services is approximately \$20,000 (500 hours at an average hourly rate of \$40). The City will also provide staff and earth moving equipment (e.g., backhoe, bulldozer, etc.) for site clearing to support environmental assessment activities. The value of these in-kind services is \$10,000 (10 days of equipment and staff at \$1,000 per day).
- ***Community Development Block Grants.*** The City has an annual allocation of community development block grant (CDBG) funds currently valued at \$330,000 per year, a value which is anticipated to continue throughout the Assessment Grant period. These funds can be used to support demolition of blighted structures, rehabilitation of existing homes, and residential security improvements. **This is a significant opportunity to coordinate public funding for brownfields, meeting EPA Region 5's regional priority.**
- ***Brownfield Redevelopment Authority funds.*** The Executive Director of the BRA has committed \$10,000 in available funds from its local site remediation revolving fund to help cover the costs of assessment, remediation (e.g., asbestos abatement, excavation, etc.) and demolition activities at brownfield sites.

In addition, **The City of Wyoming is in a unique position to coordinate federal grant funds. The City is a partner community for the Grand River Urban Waters Federal Partnership, one of only 19 such projects in the entire Country.** The Urban Waters Federal Partnership is designed to reconnect urban communities, particularly those that are overburdened or economically distressed like Wyoming, with their waterways by improving coordination among federal agencies and collaborating with community-led revitalization efforts to improve our Nation's water systems and promote their economic, environmental and social benefits. One of the

key benefits of this project is it allows the City to **coordinate multiple public funding sources** in a rapid manner because reviews and approvals are prioritized and expedited. This will promote rapid assessment and redevelopment of brownfields sites in the targeted Northeast and Northwest communities, which directly impact the Grand River and Plaster Creek, its tributary while coordinating with the City's economic development plans along the Grand River.

3. Community Engagement and Partnerships

a. Plan for Involving Targeted Community & Other Stakeholder; and Communicating Project Progress:

(i) Community Involvement Plan: The City believes it is important to provide its citizens and community organizations ample opportunity to become informed and provide input into all phases of the Project. The City has previously hosted several community outreach meetings to solicit input from residents regarding desired neighborhood improvements. The feedback from residents (economic development/revitalization; affordable housing; increased walkability between neighborhoods and commercial areas; and protection and linking of existing parks/greenspace) provided the City with a framework for development of its *Wyoming Land Use Plan 2020*, which the City has incorporated into its Assessment Grant Project.

The City is committed to providing regular and timely communications regarding the progress of the Project to the targeted communities and other stakeholders, including neighborhood associations and community partners. The progress of our Project will be tracked on a continual basis by City staff, with assistance from our qualified consultant. A Project summary table, which includes information for each site assessed, such as location, grant type, scope of work, budget, anticipated private investment and job creation potential, will be maintained in real-time, and published on the City's Website as updates become available.

(ii) Communicating Progress: Following the EPA award notice for the new Assessment Grants, the City will announce the award to the community several ways: through a press release to *The Wyoming Record* and *The Grand Rapids Press*, *El Vocero Hispano*, and *Mlive.com*; social media announcements via Facebook, Twitter, and the City's website (a redesigned, user-friendly website is under development) to provide instant notification and feedback opportunities; advertisements on local public radio stations (WGVS 850 AM, WGVU 88.5 FM) and local-access cable television; and notifications to its community partners (Section 3.c.), who will assist with the community notification process. The City will also coordinate with the West Michigan Hispanic Center to assist the Hispanic community, especially those with low literacy levels, in understanding the City's Assessment Grant program. The City will include instructions on how to communicate with the City via social media or online forums in the initial press release. The City's goal is to have open interaction with the community during the entire project.

The primary post-award community input program will be focused on preparation of the grant Work Plan and final budget. After a draft Work Plan and budget are prepared, it will be made available to the public, and comments on the draft will be solicited. The document will be posted on the City's website, and hard copies will be made available at City Hall to ensure access for those without adequate information technology. The document availability and solicitation of comments will be announced to the public via the City's website, newspaper notice, local radio stations, and specific notification of community partners. Public comments on the proposed Project and allocation of grant funds will be accepted verbally, in writing, and publicly discussed during a City Commission meeting. The draft Work Plan will be modified as appropriate in response to relevant comments, and all comments and responses will be summarized in the final Work Plan.

Following approval of the Work Plan, the City will seek public input prior to proceeding with assessment activities at priority brownfields. City representatives will attend community organization meetings to discuss the Project and/or specific site assessments. Meetings regarding sites eligible for assessment activities will be held before site activities are initiated to familiarize stakeholders with the rationale for selection of the site(s) and outline what to expect during and after the assessment process. Where appropriate, a translator will be employed to assist the City's Hispanic community in understanding and participating in the public participation process. This process will repeat for each site selected for assessment.

Following completion of an assessment, the primary information flow will be outward to the community, notifying local stakeholders about assessment activities that have occurred, providing results of the assessments, and explaining health and environmental impacts of findings. At the close of the Project, the City will hold a final

public meeting to notify the community of the successes and challenges faced during the Project and request comments regarding interest in pursuing additional grants.

Following completion of an assessment, local stakeholders will be notified about the results of the assessment activities and the health and environmental impacts of findings will be explained. At the close of the Project, the City will hold a final public meeting to notify the community of the successes and challenges faced during the Project. By utilizing print, social media, internet, radio, television, and the City's and BRA's regularly scheduled public meetings, and by providing communications in both Spanish and English, the City will be able to communicate effectively with the target communities.

b. Partnerships with Government Agencies:

(i) Local/State/Tribal Environmental Authority: The City will continue its existing partnership with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to help ensure appropriate assessment and cleanup of brownfields. The City has a longstanding relationship with MDEQ and relies on MDEQ to provide guidance as it relates to proposed remediation and redevelopment strategies at identified brownfield sites. The brownfields program will be conducted in compliance with the rules and guidance promulgated by the MDEQ pursuant to Michigan's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). The City will coordinate with local MDEQ district staff (Grand Rapids, Michigan) and headquarters staff (Lansing, Michigan) for VCP technical support, resolution of regulatory or procedural issues, and interpretation of rules and guidance documents. When contamination is discovered on brownfields, the cleanup criteria established by the MDEQ under the Michigan VCP will be used to identify and address on-site health and environmental threats posed by contamination identified on these sites. When tax increment financing is used to reimburse costs of environmental activities associated with brownfields, the MDEQ must review and approve work plans for the environmental response actions prior to implementation. The MDEQ will also review and approve Remedial Action Plans (RAPs) for brownfield sites where response actions are completed and will provide the City with recommendations and requirements at properties that have potential vapor intrusion concerns.

The Kent County Health Department (KCHD) will continue to be involved in protecting public health and the environment during the City's assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of brownfield sites. If contamination discovered through assessment of brownfields has the potential to negatively impact the health of local populations (especially as related to off-site exposures that would not be the responsibility of a non-labile developer), the City will notify the MDEQ and KCHD. The expertise and experience of KCHD will be called upon during Phase I ESAs and to help identify/verify off-site health threats posed by identified contamination; identify related toxicological issues and perform risk evaluations with assistance from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR); design and conduct notification/education programs; and coordinate health testing (e.g., blood-lead tests) if migration of contamination from a brownfield site is confirmed.

(ii) Other Governmental Partnerships: The City will continue its partnership with the EPA, which was developed during our previous Assessment Grant, to secure site eligibility determinations and obtain Assessment Grant approvals. **c. Partnerships with Community Organizations:** The following community organizations will be directly involved in the Assessment Grant Project.

The Rapid. The Rapid operates a nationally recognized public transportation system within the City. The Rapid's role in the Project will be to support the City's community goal of providing its residents with a sustainable, efficient, safe, and dependable transportation system. The Rapid collaborated with the City on the design and implementation of its Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route on Division Avenue. The Rapid has and will continue to provide input to the City regarding acquisition and redevelopment of target brownfields in and near existing and future BRT routes.

The Right Place. The Right Place is a regional non-profit economic development organization that promotes economic growth, quality employment, productivity, and innovation in West Michigan, by developing jobs through business retention, expansion and attraction efforts. The Right Place's role in the Project will be to assist with community outreach efforts, such as informing developers and the business community about the Assessment Grant project, and promoting the redevelopment opportunities at the City's priority brownfields. The Right Place will attend conferences hosted by economic development organizations, such as the Michigan Economic Developers Association (MEDA) or the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) to promote

Project opportunities. The Right Place will encourage the use of the local labor force to staff positions within new companies that occupy the City's priority brownfield sites.

Division Avenue Business Association. The Division Avenue Business Association (DABA) currently collaborates with the City to provide incentives to its member businesses, improve safety in the district, reduce the number of vacant buildings along Division Avenue, and conduct street beautification projects. The DABA's role in the Project will be to inform local developers and the business community about the Project, and promote priority brownfields available for redevelopment in the City's northeast, east and central neighborhoods, where the majority of priority brownfield sites are located. The DABA will attend conferences hosted by economic development organizations to promote Project opportunities. The DABA will also assist developers and businesses with securing local, qualified workers for employment associated with redevelopment activities (e.g., construction). The City and DABA are long-standing partners; however, DABA was unable to provide a letter of support prior to the submittal deadline.

Grand Rapids Area Coalition to End Homelessness. The Grand Rapids Area Coalition to End Homelessness (GRACEH) focuses on preventing homelessness by helping people maintain their existing homes and helping residents access affordable housing. GRACEH is working in the community to expand the availability of affordable permanent housing, and assisting people with securing living wage jobs. The GRACEH's role in the Project will be to support the City's community goal of providing its residents with quality neighborhoods and affordable housing. GRACEH will work with the City to educate, plan, and support improvements in disadvantaged neighborhoods where priority brownfields exist. The City and GRACEH are long-standing partners; however, GRACEH was unable to provide a letter of support prior to the submittal deadline.

West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is a regional organization that supports the economic advancement of the Hispanic owned businesses and assisting in the professional growth of Hispanic business leaders in West Michigan. They are frequently the first point of contact for the Hispanic business community, and as such, they are dedicated to informing potential property purchasers of the availability of the City's program. In addition, they will support the City by encouraging participation in the planning and implementation of the Project within communities with a high density of Hispanic residents.

4. Project Benefits

a. Health and/or Welfare and Environmental Benefits: The City has developed the *Wyoming Land Use Plan 2020*, and the *28 West Development Project* (Section 2.a(i)), which include clear redevelopment goals that will directly benefit the target neighborhoods. These goals were directed by the objectives identified by the City's citizens and leaders, and are in support of the City's. **The City is in an ideal position to coordinate private, local, state, and federal funds** to support redevelopment activities in the targeted communities to supplement the activities associated with the Jackson Park Revitalization Project, the CDBG grant funds, and the Grand River Urban Waters Federal Partnership. The City now needs Assessment Grant funds to begin characterizing, cleaning up, and redeveloping the brownfields that are inhibiting the revitalization of these key areas. With grant funds, the City will be able to incentivize redevelopment of brownfields and provide substantial health and welfare, environmental, and economic benefits to the City.

(i) Health and/or Welfare Benefits: A significant health and welfare concern for the City is the migration of contaminants from its priority brownfields to its parks and water bodies. For example, the former BASF brownfield (Northeast neighborhood) is situated on Plaster Creek, which flows through nearby Marquette Park, a popular after-school hangout for children at Godfrey School, and ultimately into the Grand River. The extent of off-site impacts from the BASF site remains largely uncharacterized. The health of the creek's ecosystem is threatened by the BASF site. Another priority brownfield threatening the City's natural resources is the former Spartan Chemical site (Northwest neighborhood). This site is located adjacent to Lamar Park, the City's most frequented park. The City desires to increase recreational opportunities within the park (e.g., possible acquisition and creation of additional greenspace); however, the unknown extent of impacts to soil and groundwater in the vicinity of the Spartan Chemical site has prevented the City from achieving this goal. Assessment Grant funds will support assessments of these priority sites and allow for cleanup planning to

ultimately improve the conditions of the City's parks and water bodies, and assist in the creation of additional greenspaces, a stated goal of the City's Community Plan (Section 2.a(i)).

The identification and removal of hazardous building materials (asbestos, lead, etc.), will eliminate potential airborne releases of contaminants during building rehabilitation activities and will make these buildings safe for residential and commercial uses. As the exposures to brownfield contaminants are reduced, the community's cumulative environmental exposure risks will decrease and will result in lower cancer and asthma rates, especially for the City's sensitive impoverished residents and children.

In addition to improving the health of residents, the assessment and redevelopment of brownfields will remove the negative perception of the sites and surrounding areas. This will draw residents and businesses back into these areas, triggering additional reinvestment and redevelopment that will further improve the health and welfare of the community. This directly supports the **Livability Principle** of valuing communities and neighborhoods, and the **equitable development** principle of investing in impoverished neighborhoods in a way that directly benefits the residents. Specific health and welfare benefits associated with assessment and redevelopment of the priority brownfields sites are summarized in the table below. Similar benefits, in whole or part, can be expected from redevelopment of brownfields in other parts of the City.

Target Neighborhood	Priority Site	Health and Welfare Benefits and Equitable Development Outcomes
Northwest	Former Spartan Chemical	Site assessments will evaluate BTEX and chlorinated solvent impacts and identify other potential contaminants; site redevelopment will result in elimination of direct contact, vapor intrusion and inhalation threats to residents through cleanup activities and installation of a vapor extraction system; the redeveloped site will improve the welfare of residents by creating new job opportunities.
	Former Classic Chevrolet	Site assessments will evaluate petroleum products and support removal of underground tanks; site redevelopment will result in removal of impacted soils and remediation of groundwater which will eliminate inhalation and vapor intrusion concerns; the redeveloped site will improve the health and welfare of residents by providing affordable housing and access to locally-grown, healthy food.
Northeast	Former BASF Corporation	Site assessments will further evaluate extent of petroleum products; site redevelopment will result in elimination of direct contact, vapor intrusion and inhalation concerns for residents and students; migration of contamination to Plaster Creek will be controlled; the redeveloped site will improve the health of residents by creating greenspace and a community garden.
	Former Rochester Products	Site assessments will evaluate extent of chlorinated solvents and identify other potential contaminants; site redevelopment will result in elimination of vapor intrusion and inhalation threats for residents through cleanup activities and installation of a vapor barrier; the redeveloped site will improve the welfare of residents by creating new jobs.
East	Former Approved Industrial	Site assessments will evaluate benzene, cyanide, and chlorinated solvents and identify other potential contaminants; site redevelopment will result in elimination of direct contact, vapor intrusion and inhalation threats through cleanup activities and installation of a vapor mitigation system; the redeveloped site will improve the health and welfare of residents by reducing illegal dumping and creating job opportunities.
Central	Former Conical Tool	Site assessments will evaluate extent of chlorinated solvents; site redevelopment will result in elimination of vapor intrusion and inhalation threats through cleanup activities and installation of a vapor mitigation system; the redeveloped site will improve the health and welfare of residents by creating better transit and job opportunities.

(ii) Environment Benefits: The cleanup of brownfields in the target communities, including on-site storm water management, will limit uncontrolled, brownfield pollution sources and illicit discharges into the Plaster Creek and Grand River watersheds. This will reduce contaminated discharges to the creek and river, improve aquatic life, allow for improved fishing and recreational activities and aid in the goals and objectives of the Grand River Urban Waters Federal Partnership. The availability of Assessment Grant funds will also allow the City to supplement the environmental efforts incorporated in the Jackson Park Revitalization Project and the CDBG grant program by initiating the cleanup and redevelopment brownfields in close proximity to Jackson Park and in CDBG program areas, which include the target neighborhoods. The cumulative effect of these environmental actions will propel the City forward towards the goal of restoring safe and **equitable** focal points in the community, a key component of the City's goals for the social and economic future.

b. Environmental Benefits from Infrastructure Reuse/Sustainable Reuse:

(i) Policies, Planning, and Other Tools: The Project will be utilized as a tool to support the community plans that identify sustainable redevelopment as a priority. This priority is supported by The City's zoning ordinances, which require green space in every project, including greenspace square footage requirements associated with parking lots, and the inclusion of greenbelts along public and internal streets at industrial sites. Further, the City recognizes the interdependency of the natural environment, economic system and social structure of the City. West Michigan is nationally recognized as one of the most sustainable areas of the Country. This sustainable, "triple bottom line" paradigm is inherent in the City's planning, policy and program decisions, including recognizing the environmental benefit from infrastructure reuse. The City has adopted "form-based" code, which allows for streamlined and expedited reviews and approvals for developers interested in redeveloping properties in Wyoming. The City places an emphasis on the inclusion of reused and/or recycled building materials, and minimizing the landfilling of deteriorated pavements by encouraging the use of full-depth reclamation methods in the parking and access road areas of redevelopment projects. Because the City's priority brownfields are former industrial and commercial facilities, they are served by existing infrastructure of sufficient capacity to support the planned redevelopments. The reuse of existing utilities minimizes expenditures on utility extensions, and reduces the use of construction materials (e.g. steel and concrete pipe, fiber optic lines, etc.), and construction-related air emissions (e.g. greenhouse gases, particulate matter).

(ii) Integrating Equitable Development or Livability Principles: The City's Community Plan, *Wyoming Land Use Plan 2020*, and *28 West Development Project* provide a framework for the Assessment Grant Project. The City's goals are consistent with the **Livability Principles** adopted by the partnership between the EPA, the United States Department of Transportation, and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, which include: valuing communities and neighborhoods; supporting existing communities; promoting equitable development and affordable housing; coordinating and leveraging federal policies and investment; providing more public transportation choices; and enhancing economic competitiveness. Examples of how the City is achieving the equitable development and livability principle objectives include the Federal and State funding secured for the recent completion of The Rapid's Division Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), which improved access to public transportation, dramatically increased ridership, and reduced automobile emissions in the adjacent neighborhoods, and the City's proactive use of the CDBG program, which has resulted in a reduction of blighted buildings. The Assessment Grant funds will supplement existing efforts already addressing the health and welfare of residents in targeted communities, promoting equitable, affordable housing and economic growth, protecting parks/greenspace, restoring the Grand River, supporting reuse of existing infrastructure, and promoting sustainable development.

c. Economic and Community Benefits (long-term benefits): The progress made during our last award provided transformational outcomes with respect to job creation for residents and the area (98.58 acres) of brownfields assessed. Continued investment in redevelopment projects is critical to the success of the City's long-term economic revitalization and growth. Brownfields redevelopment promoted by use of Assessment Grant funds will result in benefits for residents in the City's targeted communities, creation of job opportunities, and improvement in the tax base, all of which benefit the City, and its residents. Brownfields redevelopment will also result in revitalization and expansion of the City's key greenspace assets.

(i) Economic or Other Benefits: The City will use the Assessment Grant funds as an economic development incentive tool when soliciting businesses and developers. Redevelopment projects that will create sustainable jobs will be favored. The City believes that the increased commercial, recreational, and residential options

spurred by brownfields redevelopment will attract additional redevelopments, and improve living conditions in the targeted communities. These redevelopment projects will improve the tax base and diversify the City's business community and work force, a proactive measure to stabilize the City in the event of swings in the economy, and provide added job security for low-income residents of the targeted communities. To date, the City's brownfields program has supported projects that have created more than 150 jobs since its inception in 1998, and has supported the rehabilitation or new construction of over 771,000 square feet of commercial and industrial space, which is now occupied by new or existing businesses. The redevelopment of five of the City's brownfields will have the following direct economic benefits:

Economic Benefits

Priority Brownfield	Economic Benefits
Spartan Chemical	This site is targeted for redevelopment as an advanced battery manufacturing facility. The City estimates this project will leverage nearly \$40 million in private investment in the community (e.g. construction, new support businesses, hotels, and restaurants), create up to 300 jobs, and increase property taxes by \$6 million.
Classic Chevrolet	This site is targeted for redevelopment as a mixed-use residential and commercial complex. The City estimates this project will result in private investment of over \$15 million (e.g. new construction), generate at least 90 jobs, and increase property taxes by \$2 million.
Rochester Products	This site is targeted for redevelopment as a distribution center for a local furniture manufacturer. The City estimates this project will generate \$20 million of private investment, create approximately 75 jobs, and increase property taxes by \$4 million.
Approved Industrial	This site is targeted for redevelopment as a green reclamation facility (e.g. recycling e-waste). The City estimates this redevelopment will leverage approximately \$18 million in private investment (e.g. renovation of the building), create approximately 60 jobs, and increase property taxes by \$3 million.
Conical Tool	This site is targeted for redevelopment as a retail complex for the Bus Rapid Transit line. The City estimates this project will generate approximately \$10 million in private investment, create approximately 40 jobs, and increase property taxes by \$1.5 million.

(ii) Job Creation Potential: Partnerships with Workforce Development Programs: There are currently no U.S. EPA Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training programs in the City. The City will partner with the Grand Rapids office of the Michigan Works! workforce development program to link residents to the education and training necessary to learn the skills required for employment in the environmental field. Once trained, these residents can be hired by local remediation contractors who are completing the assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment activities on grant funded sites. The City will keep the Michigan Works! program director updated on the active assessment grant projects so that they can provide their students with employment opportunities.

5. Programmatic Capability and Past Performance

a. Programmatic Capability:

The Assessment Grant Project Team will be led by Heidi A. Isakson, Deputy City Manager of the City of Wyoming. Ms. Isakson has over 20 years of municipal management experience and has assisted many companies with exploring and securing brownfield and other redevelopment incentives. She is responsible for providing staff support to the City's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Economic Development Corporation board. Ms. Isakson will be responsible for the day-to-day grant operations including the following: conducting community outreach; coordinating access and assessment activities with involved parties; and programmatic requirements. In her previous role as City Clerk, Ms. Isakson also successfully administered four grants received from the State of Michigan, which were funded by the Help America Vote Act and subject to federal grant administration requirements. Providing additional assistance is City Manager Curtis Holt, who has 30 years of municipal management experience and thorough knowledge of brownfield redevelopment activities and proper use of federal grant funds. Administrative Assistant Jennifer Stowell will provide communication, record-keeping and community outreach assistance, and Accountant Kate Balfourt will have primary responsibility, as she does for all federal grant monies received by the City of Wyoming, for monitoring,

recording and reporting use of grant funds. The Project Team will also make use, as necessary, of specialized legal counsel for properly designing and executing development projects.

The City will retain a highly competent environmental consultant to assist in managing and tracking the activities funded by the Assessment Grants and to conduct the environmental assessments. The environmental consultant will be retained using a Qualifications-Based Selection Process that complies with the applicable federal procurement regulations (40 CFR §31.36). The selected consultant will be experienced in all aspects of EPA Assessment Grant management and will have at least five U.S. EPA Assessment Grants projects, and successfully managed at least three successful brownfields redevelopment projects where multiple brownfields redevelopment financing incentives were leveraged.

The staff administering the Assessment Grant has a strong history of compliance with financial and reporting requirements for federal grants. The City will diligently track, measure and report on the success of the Project utilizing ACRES and our internal database. The City will evaluate outcomes against those incorporated into the Work Plan and measure the success of redevelopment projects supported with assessment funding by the level of private investment, job creation, acres assessed, and the extent to which assessment, due care planning and future redevelopment results in the protection of human health and the environment. Specific outcomes and outputs to be tracked and measured are discussed in Section 2(b).

b. Audit Findings: The City has not received adverse audit findings from a federal, state, tribal, or local government inspector or similar organization.

c. Past Performance and Accomplishments:

(i) Currently or Has Ever received an EPA Brownfields Grant: The City was awarded a \$200,000 EPA Hazardous Substances Assessment Grant in FY2008, which has been closed out. The remaining balance of grant funds at close-out was \$281.

1. Compliance with Grant Requirements:

Following the FY2008 grant award announcement, the City developed a Work Plan and successfully implemented a Cooperative Agreement (CA) with the EPA. The City submitted and received approval for its initial project Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) as well as annual QAPP updates. The City complied with the terms and conditions of its CA; prepared and submitted quarterly reports and annual financial status reports in a timely manner; and successfully submitted site information and assessment data to the EPA via the ACRES database. In the midst of a faltering Michigan economy, the City succeeded in providing incentives for redevelopment of several brownfields that might otherwise have been left vacant or underutilized. The City created a successful, functioning brownfields program and made measurable progress toward achieving the goals of its FY2008 Assessment Grant project; however more work remains. In addition to the City's priority brownfields, over 550 brownfields remain to be assessed and redeveloped into uses consistent with the City's community plans.

2. Accomplishments: The City and BRA have created a successful brownfields program, which primed for new activity. The City diligently tracked Project progress during implementation of its FY2008 Assessment Grant. The specific achievements of the City's FY2008 Assessment Grant include the assessment of nearly 100 acres of brownfields, the creation of 50 jobs in the City, and approximately \$1.5 million in leveraged private redevelopment investment, all resulting from the use of \$199,719 in Assessment Grant funds. The City previously contributed to the success of the EPA Brownfields Program as evidenced from the outcomes and outputs listed below, which are accurately reflected in ACRES at this time:

Outcomes (8/2008 – 7/2011)

- 98.58 acres of brownfields assessed;
- 50 jobs created; and
- \$1,435,000 in leveraged funding.

Outputs (8/2008 – 7/2011)

- Twenty community outreach meetings;
- Five Phase I ESAs, four Phase II ESAs; and three Cleanup Plan reports.

Combining accomplishments from our previous Assessment Grant and other brownfield activities, the City's brownfields program has supported projects that have created more than 150 jobs and has supported the rehabilitation or new construction of over 771,000 square feet of commercial and industrial space. Going forward, the City will track outcomes and outputs from future redevelopment efforts, and combine them with historical information.

ATTACHMENT 1

Threshold Documentation

**FY2016 USEPA BROWNFIELDS HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES
AND PETROLEUM ASSESSMENT GRANT PROPOSAL
CITY OF WYOMING, MICHIGAN**

RESPONSES TO THRESHOLD CRITERIA

1. Applicant Eligibility: The City of Wyoming (the City) is a general purpose unit of government.
2. Letter from State Environmental Authority: The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) provided the City with a letter of acknowledgment for this FY2016 Assessment Grant Proposal. The MDEQ letter is included in Attachment 1.
3. Community Involvement: The City will announce the award to the community several ways: through a press release to *The Wyoming Record* and *The Grand Rapids Press*, *El Vocero Hispano*, and *MLive.com*; social media announcements via Facebook, Twitter, and the City's website (a redesigned, user-friendly website is under development) to provide instant notification and feedback opportunities; advertisements on local public radio stations (WGVS 850 AM, WGUV 88.5 FM) and local-access cable television; and notifications to its community partners (Section 3.c.), who will assist with the community notification process. The City will also coordinate with the West Michigan Hispanic Center to assist the Hispanic community, especially those with low literacy levels, in understanding the City's Assessment Grant program. The City will include instructions on how to communicate with the City via social media or online forums in the initial press release. The City's goal is to have open interaction with the community during the entire project.

The primary post-award community input program will be focused on preparation of the grant Work Plan and final budget. After a draft Work Plan and budget are prepared, it will be made available to the public, and comments on the draft will be solicited. The document will be posted on the City's website, and hard copies will be made available at City Hall to ensure access for those without adequate information technology. The document availability and solicitation of comments will be announced to the public via the City's website, newspaper notice, local radio stations, and specific notification of community partners. Public comments on the proposed Project and allocation of grant funds will be accepted verbally, in writing, and publicly discussed during a City Commission meeting. The draft Work Plan will be modified as appropriate in response to relevant comments, and all comments and responses will be summarized in the final Work Plan.

Following approval of the Work Plan, the City will seek public input prior to proceeding with assessment activities at priority brownfields. City representatives will attend community organization meetings to discuss the Project and/or specific site assessments. Meetings regarding sites eligible for assessment activities will be held before site activities are initiated to familiarize stakeholders with the rationale for selection of the site(s) and outline what to expect during and after the assessment process. Where appropriate, a translator will be employed to assist the City's Hispanic community in understanding and participating in the public participation process. This process will repeat for each site selected for assessment.

Following completion of an assessment, the primary information flow will be outward to the community, notifying local stakeholders about assessment activities that have occurred, providing results of the assessments, and explaining health and environmental impacts of findings. At the close of the Project, the City will hold a final public meeting to notify the community of the successes and challenges faced during the Project and request comments regarding interest in pursuing additional grants.
4. Site Eligibility and Property Ownership Eligibility: The City is requesting a community-wide assessment grant; therefore, site eligibility and property ownership eligibility criteria are not applicable.

ATTACHMENT 2

Applicant Eligibility (Resolution)

RESOLUTION NO. 23877

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A DEFINITION
OF SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE CITY OF WYOMING

WHEREAS, at the Wyoming City Council Retreat held in December of 2010, the City Council discussed sustainability and recognized the importance of a sustainable City, and

WHEREAS, a task force comprised of City employees developed a definition of sustainability for the City of Wyoming and presented it to City Council for their review, and

WHEREAS, after review and City Council discussion of the presented definition of sustainability, changes were made and the following definition was agreed upon:

Sustainability - The advancement and promotion, with equal priority, of environmental quality, economic strength, and social equity so that a stable and vibrant community can be assured for current and future generations.

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to promoting a sustainable future to meet today's needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs and supports this definition of sustainability for the City of Wyoming, and

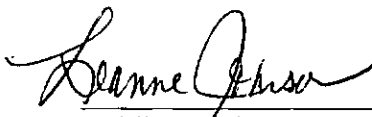
WHEREAS, City elected officials and staff will consider the definition of sustainability in carrying out their duties and the cumulative and long term impacts of policy choices will be considered as we work to ensure a sustainable legacy, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming City Council does hereby adopt the above listed definition of sustainability for the City of Wyoming.

Councilmember Vanderwood moved, seconded by Councilmember Bolt, that the above Resolution be adopted.

Motion carried: 6 Yeas, 0 Nays

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council for the City of Wyoming, Michigan, at a regular session held on the 16th day of May, 2011.


For: Heidi A. Isakson Leanne Johnson
Wyoming City Clerk ~~Deputy Clerk~~

ATTACHMENT 3

Letter from State Authority



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
LANSING



DAN WYANT
DIRECTOR

November 20, 2015

Ms. Heidi A. Isakson
Deputy City Manager
City of Wyoming
1155 28th Street SW
Wyoming, Michigan 49509-0905

Dear Ms. Isakson:

SUBJECT: Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Acknowledgment of a United States Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Grant Proposal for 2016

Thank you for your notice and request for a letter of acknowledgment for the city of Wyoming's proposal to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) brownfield grant program. The Department of Environmental Quality, Remediation and Redevelopment Division encourages and supports locally-based assessment and redevelopment efforts. Our review of your proposed project meets the EPA's requirements under the proposal guidelines.

The city of Wyoming is applying for a combined \$200,000 hazardous substances and a \$100,000 petroleum assessment grant which could be used to conduct assessment activities at eligible brownfield sites in the city. The city of Wyoming is considered eligible for this grant as a general purpose unit of local government.

Should the EPA award this brownfield grant to the city, it would stimulate redevelopment and reuse of underutilized and contaminated properties and improve the economic development and environmental conditions in the municipality. If you need further information or assistance regarding specific brownfield sites, please contact me at the number below or by email at smedleyr@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Smedley
Brownfield Redevelopment Coordinator
Brownfield Redevelopment Unit
Remediation and Redevelopment Division
517-284-5153

ATTACHMENT 4

Leveraged Funding/Resources Documentation



City Manager's Office

Telephone 616/530-7272

1155 - 28th Street, S.W., Box 905 Wyoming, Michigan 49509-0905

Web: www.wyomingmi.gov



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CITY MANAGER
Curtis L. Holt

December 8, 2015

Ms. Heidi A. Isakson
Deputy City Manager
City of Wyoming
1155 28th Street SW
Wyoming, MI 49509

Re: Leveraged Funding from Local Government Boards
FY 2016 U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grants
City of Wyoming, Michigan

Dear Ms. Isakson:

The Wyoming Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA) is pleased to support the City of Wyoming's application for a FY 2016 U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant. As Chairman of the BRA, I am providing this letter as documentation of our commitment to provide leveraged funding to support the City's Assessment Grant Project. Specifically, the BRA will provide the City with \$10,000 to help cover the costs of remediation (e.g., asbestos abatement, excavation, etc.) and demolition activities at local brownfield sites targeted for redevelopment.

The Wyoming BRA is committed to supporting the City's Assessment Grant Project with our funding. As specific plans emerge for brownfield redevelopment projects, the BRA will use our authority to provide additional financial incentives, such as tax increment financing.

Sincerely,

Tom Brann, Chairman
Wyoming Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

ATTACHMENT 5

Letters of Support from Community Organizations



December 11, 2015

Ms. Heidi A. Isakson
Deputy City Manager
City of Wyoming
1155 28th Street SW
Wyoming, MI 49509

Re: Community Support from The Right Place, Inc.
FY 2016 U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grants
City of Wyoming, Michigan

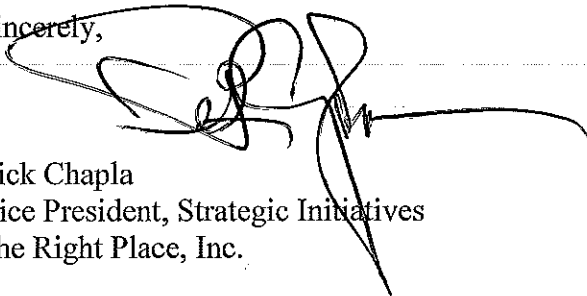
Dear Ms. Isakson:

The Right Place is pleased to be an economic development partner with the City of Wyoming and assist with the implementation of two U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Assessment Grants, if approved. In addition, The Right Place will promote these programs to local businesses and brownfield property development opportunities to development interests outside of the region.

Furthermore, The Right Place will attend conferences hosted by economic development organizations, such as the Michigan Economic Developers Association (MEDA), Urban Land Institute (ULI) or the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) and promote project opportunities within the City of Wyoming. The Right Place will encourage the use of the local labor force for construction activities and to staff positions within, which develop the City's priority brownfield sites.

The Right Place fully supports the City of Wyoming and looks forward to assisting with revitalizing the City's priority brownfields, a key component in overcoming the current economic hardships faced by this community. I urge approval of these grant applications and if I can be of any further assistance, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Rick Chapla
Vice President, Strategic Initiatives
The Right Place, Inc.

December 7, 2015

Ms. Heidi A. Isakson
Deputy City Manager
City of Wyoming
1155 28th Street SW
Wyoming, MI 49509

Re: Community Support from The Rapid
FY 2016 U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grants
City of Wyoming, Michigan

Dear Ms. Isakson:

The Rapid is pleased to support your application for two U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Assessment Grants to assess and promote redevelopment of priority brownfield sites within the City of Wyoming.

As you know, The Rapid has been working closely with local jurisdictions on strategies to address mobility improvements, economic development, traffic congestion, and environmental concerns. The Rapid's role in the Project will be to support the City's community goal of providing its residents with an efficient, safe, and dependable transportation system. The Rapid and the City of Wyoming have a history of prior and ongoing collaboration on the design and implementation of Bus Rapid Transit and general route design. The Rapid has and will continue to provide input to the City regarding acquisition and redevelopment of target priority brownfield properties in and around the routes significantly used for employment transportation.

The Rapid will continue its partnership with the City of Wyoming, assisting with strategic redevelopment planning of priority brownfields that lead to improved mass transit opportunities for the community.

Sincerely,



Peter Varga
Chief Executive Officer



Diamond Partner:



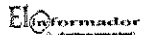
Oro Partners:



DTE Energy



Media Partners:



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Wednesday, December 16th, 2015

Ms. Heidi Isakson
Deputy City Manager
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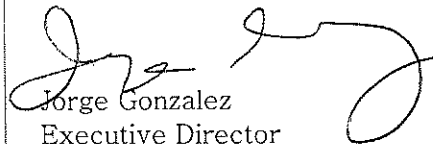
Re: Community Support from West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Project City of Wyoming, Michigan

Dear Ms. Isakson:

The West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce offers our support for your application for two U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfield Assessment Grants to assess and promote redevelopment of priority Brownfield sites within the City of Wyoming. As you know, our focus is to increase the growth of Hispanic-owned businesses and assist in the professional development of Hispanic business leaders. The Project's proposed focus on the northeast part of the City, and sites on Chicago Drive, Burton Street and northern Clyde Park Avenue includes neighborhoods where many Hispanic-owned businesses are located, or could be located given the right conditions.

The Chamber's role in the Project will be to support the City's community goal of providing its residents with quality neighborhoods, entrepreneurial opportunities and job opportunities. We recognize that redevelopment of the City's priority Brownfields will improve economic opportunity by preparing suitable sites for economic development, which in turn will increase opportunity for our members and the community we serve. We will work with the City to educate, plan and support improvements in neighborhoods where priority Brownfields exist.

Sincerely,


Jorge Gonzalez
Executive Director

THE WEST MICHIGAN HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS DEDICATED TO WORKING WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO INCREASE THE ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT OF HISPANIC OWNED BUSINESSES AND TO ASSIST THE PROFESSIONAL GROWTH OF HISPANIC BUSINESS LEADERS IN WEST MICHIGAN

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

12/18/2015

4. Applicant Identifier:

Wyoming, City of

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

City of Wyoming, Michigan

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

38-6006933

* c. Organizational DUNS:

0792839820000

d. Address:

* Street1:

1155 28th Street SW

Street2:

* City:

Wyoming

County/Parish:

Kent

* State:

MI: Michigan

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

49509-0905

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

City Manager's Office

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Ms.

* First Name:

Heidi

Middle Name:

A

* Last Name:

Isakson

Suffix:

Title:

Deputy City Manager

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number:

616-530-7244

Fax Number:

* Email:

isaksonh@wyomingmi.gov

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

G: Independent School District

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

66.818

CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

EPA-OSWER-OBLR-15-04

* Title:

FY16 Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment Grants

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

FY2016 Brownfields Assessment Grant Proposal
\$300,000 US EPA Hazardous Substances and Petroleum Assessment

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**16. Congressional Districts Of:*** a. Applicant * b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:* a. Start Date: * b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="300,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
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* e. Other	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="300,000.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☒ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☐ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title: * Telephone Number: Fax Number: * Email: * Signature of Authorized Representative: * Date Signed: